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On 16 July 1954, workers in the Baku oil fields staged a strike because of dissatisfaction with their living conditions. In the ensuing police intervention, approximately 20 strikers were killed and a large number arrested, of which approximately 300 were later exiled from Baku to other areas in the USSR. The majority of the strikers were Turks, and among those arrested were many women and children. The women and children had not taken part in the strike but were taken from their homes for questioning.

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